Title: Need to check the marked increase in drug traffic on the Tamil Nadu - Sri Lanka coast.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Dr. V. Saroja. Let us hear a mahila...(Interruptions)

DR. V. SAROJA (RASIPURAM): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of this august House to the marked increase in drug traffic on the Tamil Nadu-Lanka coast.

The drug traffic across the Tamil Nadu coast to Sri Lanka has gone up by over fifty per cent in the past one year...(Interruptions). The Narcotic Control Bureau and the Drug Enforcement Authority of India attribute this sharp increase in traffic to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. (LTTE)...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I have given the floor to Dr. Saroja. Nothing except what Dr. Saroja says will go on record.

(Interruptions) *

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*Not Recorded.

DR. V. SAROJA : According to the information received, the Indian intelligence agencies suggest that the increase in drug trade is a direct result of the LTTE purchasing arms...(Interruptions). According to a senior officer of the Drug Enforcement Authority of India, the contraband is switched in the high seas for its final destination - Europe and America...(Interruptions)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : मैंने एक महिला को फ्लोर दिया, आप उन्हें भी इंटरप्ट कर रहे हैं।

DR. V. SAROJA : I would like to draw the attention of this august House to this sensitive and important issue. If it is allowed to continue, it will have a serious impact on the entire Indian ocean...(Interruptions)

I urge upon the Government to have a constant vigil and also provide more manpower and modern equipments in the entire Indian ocean, more so in Tamil Nadu. Thank you, Sir...(Interruptions)